

in fact, the industrial heart of the city which in itself is the industrial heart of Maryland — can no longer adequately serve the southern area without full-scale new facilities. And in no area is a new hospital more direly needed than in the southern section of Baltimore and that populous part of Anne Arundel County which borders the city.

Three authoritative surveys, one by the firm of management consultants, Cresap, McCormick and Paget, another by the hospital Council of Maryland, and a third by the Maryland State Department of Health, have brought together the facts on which this decision was based.

Let us see what we will have when this new eight-story structure rises in Broening Park, at the southern end of the Hanover Street Bridge. We will have a 300-bed hospital, a nurses' residence, a service plant and quarters for resident doctors and hospital personnel. When required, this can be expanded to 524 beds. And we will have the best located hospital of all, for in the words of the Division of Hospital Services, Maryland State Department of Health, "this is the most favorable location for a new facility."

The proposed Riverside site, served by rapidly improved highways, can be reached in 15 minutes from Catonsville, in the same period of time from Middle River, and in that time or slightly more from the most populous points in Anne Arundel County, north of the Severn River. You must think of old maps of the city as obsolete. The Harbor Tunnel, the Baltimore Beltway, the Baltimore-Washington Expressway, and other important arteries have changed the hospital situation in the metropolitan area, making the new location for South Baltimore General the most likely and most plausible of all possible sites for a hospital. To you corporate executives, with your employees' welfare to think of, the location should be of great interest. It is horrifying to think of the potentialities of industrial accidents . . . or of large fires or catastrophes which are possible in an industrial area. It should be welcome news to you, and to the people who work at your plants to know that South Baltimore General Hospital — which has distinguished itself when deluged with a hundred or more victims of a catastrophe — is to have improved, new and more efficient facilities to meet any future needs.

We Americans are people of sentiment. But we are practical people also. There is a tremendous dollar-and-cent value to all businesses and industries in our State in having good hospitals, but more so, there is value to you men with the large industrial plants. An efficient hospital that is close by, and which is splendidly staffed as is the South